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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	09-269810	10/1997	JP			Abstract	
	09-114523	05/1997	JP			Abstract	
	08-263137	10/1996	JP			Abstract	
	60-206759	10/1985	JP			Abstract	
	56-164602	12/1981	JP				X
	06-189610	07/1994	JP			Abstract	
	05-257533	10/1993	JP			Abstract	

OTHER ART

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	International Search Report for corresponding Application No. PCT/JP2004/014626 mailed January 11, 2005.

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1. Please submit the following documents (1)-(7) to comply with the IDS duty.

- (1) Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 09-269810
Published on October 14, 1997
- (2) Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 09-114523
Published on May 2, 1997
- (3) Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 08-263137
(corresponding to Japanese Patent No. 3201208)
Published on October 11, 1996
- (4) Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 60-206759
Published on October 18, 1985
- (5) Japanese Utility Model Laid-Open No. 56-164602
Published on December 7, 1981
- (6) Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 06-189610
Published on July 12, 1994
- (7) Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 05-257533
Published on October 8, 1993

2. The contents of documents (1), (2), (3) are discussed in the specification. Document (1), (2) are discussed in the paragraph [0006] and documents (3)-(5) are discussed [0008].

Document (5) discloses a unmanned vehicle wherein an obstacle detection device is provided so as to cover all the circumference of the vehicle body, thereby to enable the vehicle to stop when the vehicle becomes in touch with an obstacle in any direction.

Document (3), (6), (7) are cited in the International Search Report (all the documents are cited as category "A": document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance).